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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Intra-CIA Coordination of Intelligence Memoranda Prepared for the White House and the NSC

1. The following comments relate to the substance of our conversation of 21 July. It seems to me that the experience gained during the course of producing the NI on the Near East again illustrates the desirability of regularizing our procedures for the production of NI's that are destined for White House and NSC consumption.

2. Granted that we cannot, except on rare occasions, turn out timely memoranda which have been fully coordinated with the IAC agencies, it does not follow that the whole of the responsibility for this production should vest in O/CI. Board judgment plus informal O/NE contacts with the agencies is a step closer to national intelligence than is an independent O/CI effort.

3. At the same time, because it has a large staff and an extensive intelligence "take", O/CI is the logical unit to which to look for staff support in producing NI's.

4. Recommendations:

a. Policy

That all intelligence destined for White House and NSC consumption other than regularly established periodicals specifically labeled as current and uncoordinated be reviewed by the Board of National Estimates prior to its release.

b. Procedural

That requirements for NI's, whether received from the White House or NSC or self-initiated in O/CI be made up in triplicate: action copy to O/CI; information copies to DD/I and O/NE.

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That O/CI drafts be forwarded by O/CI to the Board of National Estimates for review and consideration (in the same way that O/NE Staff Memoranda now are handled) and, upon Board approval, go forward to DCI via DD/I.

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